

The REFUGEES

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CHAPTER XI.

DE CATINAT in the meanwhile was perfectly aware of the importance of the mission which had been assigned to him. He knew enough of the intrigues and antagonisms with which the court was full to understand that every precaution was necessary in carrying out his instructions. He waited, therefore, until night had fallen before ordering his soldier-servant to bring round the two horses to one of the less public gates of the grounds. As he and his friend walked together to the spot he gave the young American a rapid sketch of the situation at the court and of the chance that this nocturnal ride might be an event which would affect the future history of France.

"Are you armed?" he asked. "You have no sword or pistols?"

"No, if I may not carry my gun, I had rather not be troubled by tools that I have never learned to use. I have my knife. But why do you ask?"

"Because there may be danger. Many have an interest in stopping this marriage. All the first men of the kingdom are bitterly against it. If they could stop us, they would stop it, for tonight at least."

"But I thought it was secret."

"There is no such thing as a court. There is the dauphin or the king's brother. Either of them or any of their friends would be right glad that we should be in the Seine before we reached the archbishop's house this night. But who is this?"

A burly figure had loomed up through the gloom on the path upon which they were going. As it approached, a colored lamp hanging from one of the trees shone upon the blue and silver of an officer of the guards. It was Major de Brissac of De Catinat's own regiment.

"Hello! Whither away?" he asked.

"To Paris, major."

"I go there myself within an hour. Will you not wait, that we may go together?"

"I am sorry, but I ride on a matter of urgency."

"Very good. Good night, and a pleasant ride."

"Is he a trusty man, our friend the major?" asked Amos Green, glancing back.

"True as steel."

"Then I would have a word with him. The American hurried back along the way they had come, while De Catinat stood chaffing at this unnecessary delay. It was a full five minutes before his companion joined him, and the fiery blood of the French soldier was hot with impatience.

"I think that perhaps you had best ride into Paris at your leisure, my friend," said he. "If I go upon the king's service I cannot be delayed whenever the whim takes you."

"I am sorry," answered the other quietly. "I had something to say to your major, and I thought that maybe I might not see him again."

"Well, here are the horses," said the guardsman as he pushed open the postern gate. "Have you fed and watered them, Jacques?"

"Yes, my captain," answered the man.

"Boot and saddle, then, friend Green, and we shall not draw rein again until we see the lights of Paris."

For a mile or more the comrades galloped along. The road was very dark, and it was hard but for the moon upon either side to tell where it lay. De Catinat at least found it so, and he peered anxiously over his horse's ears and stooped his face to the mane in his efforts to see his way.

"What do you make of the road?" he asked at last.

"It looks as if a good many carriage wheels had passed over it today."

"What! Mon Dieu! Do you mean to say that you can see carriage wheels there?"

"Certainly. Why not?"

"Why, man, I cannot see the road at all."

Amos Green laughed heartily. "When you have traveled in the woods by night as often as I have," said he, "when to show a light may mean to lose your hair, one comes to learn to use one's eyes."

"Then you had best ride on, and I shall keep just behind you. So! Hoot! What is the matter now?"

There had been the sudden sharp snap of something breaking, and the American had reeled for an instant in the saddle.

"It's one of my stirrup leathers. It has fallen."

"Can you find it?"

"Yes, but I can ride as well without it. Let us push on."

"Very good. I can just see you now."

They had galloped for about five minutes in this fashion. De Catinat's horse's head within a few feet of the other's tail, when there was a second snap, and the guardsman rolled out of the saddle on to the ground. He kept his grip of the reins, however, and was up in an instant at his horse's head.

"A thousand thunders of heaven!" he cried. "What was it that happened then?"

"Your leather has gone too."

"Two stirrup leathers in five minutes?"

(To be Continued.)

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LOST HIS FOR TO EVADE A WOMAN

John Novatne Has Traveled Around the World

Strange Story of Austrian Who Owned Big Mine But Was Not Inclined to Marry.

HE HAS JUST FIFTEEN CENTS

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The Chronicle today says:

The story of a man who has traveled half way around the world, and most of the distance on foot, to escape the wiles of a woman, who, he asserts, has matrimonial aspirations in which he figures as the prospective husband, was unfolded to the Chicago police yesterday. The tale in which a flight from the United States to Germany and back to this country again was included was related by John Novatne, half owner of a gold mine near Prescott, Ariz.

Novatne arrived in Chicago with but 15 cents in his pocket, after having walked all but seven miles of the distance from New York.

Novatne, who is now 66 years old, first came to the United States in 1897, and went immediately to the gold fields of Arizona, where he asserted, he later acquired a half interest in one of the largest mines in that section. Then, according to his story, he returned to Austria, where he recounted his good fortune to relatives and friends. Again he came to the United States, but upon his second return to his native country, Novatne's love affair began, as did also his subsequent financial misfortunes.

"I was in a cafe in Paris one night," he said yesterday, "when I made the acquaintance of a young woman—a widow—who at once fell desperately in love with me. I returned the love for a time, but soon I grew suspicious, for she asked so many personal questions. She wanted to know the value of my mine, and she wanted to know exactly how much money I was worth. Then she suddenly proposed marriage. I was surprised at the offer, but she insisted. 'I will marry you whether you like it or not,' she said, but I decided right there that there would be no marriage, so I left."

The miner then told of his flight through various European countries and of the pursuit of the widow. Finally he embarked on an American-bound steamer and arrived in New York last October. The day after landing he learned for the first time, he says, that other persons interested in his mine had defrauded him out of his share and had sold the property to a corporation.

The once wealthy and much sought after miner passed the night on a cot in the municipal lodging house. Today, he says, he will resume his long walk to Arizona, where he will seek to regain possession of his mine.

HE LOST HIS WIFE'S
Favor by neglecting to buy her one of those pieces of fine fur at RUDY, PHILLIPS & CO.

No Danger of Tariff War.
Berlin, Dec. 19.—The spirit shown by the American Tariff Consumers in their inquiry into precisely what the German government desires and its reasons therefor has caused the German commissioners to feel confident that an understanding, so far-reaching that the idea of a tariff war must be excluded, will be reached. This hopeful view is expressed by the news papers, which today give prominence to reports of the dinners given last night by the American association of trade and commerce in honor of the American and German commissioners.

HE FOUND HIS CHILD
A Fur Set for Christmas, the most serviceable and acceptable gift at RUDY, PHILLIPS & CO.

Remember the Maine.
Honolulu, Dec. 19.—The Japanese consular here says that the visiting squadron which will arrive in Honolulu in February, will not proceed to San Francisco, as originally intended, because a repetition of the Maine disaster is feared, owing to the alleged overwrought condition of American feeling.

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Development of Medical Science.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—A discovery that bids fair to revolutionize the theory and practice of medicine, in so far as it relates to bacterial diseases, is now being exploited in Canada. If the germ of any disease can be found, then by almost mathematically exact method of increasing the patient's ability to digest or kill off attacking microbes, his complete recovery is made possible.

That, in brief, is what this discovery promises to do for the sick. It reduces the curing of illness almost to an exact science, and, according to Dr. Brown, superintendent of the general hospital at Toronto, and his assistants in charge of the experiments now being conducted there, is the most important step in advance taken by medical science since Lister's discoveries in regard to anesthesia.

Sparing the Rod.

In the Delancey school advanced ideas are put into practice, says the Youth's Companion. No pupil is ever punished in any way, for the individuality of every child is considered too sacred for repression.

One day, soon after her enrollment at the Delancey, little Molly arrived home from school, her face streaked with tears and her mouth covered with blood.

"My precious, what happened?" cried her mother.

The little girl was soon pouring out her story in her mother's arms. Johnnie Farnham, it appeared, had struck her and knocked out two teeth.

When Molly had been kissed, comforted and washed, her father wanted to know how the teacher had dealt with Johnnie.

"She didn't do anything," said Molly.

"Well, what did she say?"

"She called Johnnie up to the desk and said, 'Johnnie, don't you know that was very anti-social?'"

Anecdote of Dow.

Lorenzo Dow, relates the St. Paul Pioneer Press, on one occasion took the liberty, while preaching, to denounce a rich man in the community recently deceased. The result was an arrest, a trial for slander and an imprisonment in the county jail.

After Dow got out of limbo he announced that he should preach at a given time a sermon about "another rich man." The populace was greatly excited and a crowded house greeted his appearance.

With great solemnity he opened the Bible and read, "And there was a rich man who died and went to—." Then, stopping short, and seeming to be suddenly impressed, he continued: "Brethren, I shall not mention the place this rich man went to, for fear he has some relatives in this congregation who will sue me for defamation of character."

The effect was irresistible, and he made the impression permanent by taking another text.

No Other Course.

The daring explorer had reached the north pole.

"Well, which way now?" asked his assistant.

The explorer looked irresolutely around the horizon.

"Dashed if I know!" he muttered.

Then his brow cleared.

"Can't you see?" he said. "We've found all the north there is. We'll have to go south."

Merely stopping long enough to eat another dog the party started in the general direction of the south pole—Chicago Tribune.

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Young Subaltern (having applied in vain for the customary overcoat, to bosom friend)—"I say, old chap, a most extraordinary thing. My bankers have lost their nerve."—Punch.

MIRA IS BURNING IN SOUTHERN SKY

Star of Great Magnitude and Puzzling Conduct.

Flares Up to Exceeding Brightness and Then Wanes to Dull Red Glow.

HISTORY OF ITS OBSERVATION

A very wonderful phenomenon is now going unnoticed by the vast majority of mankind, although within plain sight of everybody. It is the star "Mira" visible in the southern part of the sky, and upon the meridian between 8 and 9 o'clock at night. At about that hour draw an imaginary line from the North Pole star through the zenith and drop it about half way down the southern slope of the sky, and you will see this marvelous, a bright second-magnitude star, of an unusual color, shining in the midst of a rather barren region of the heavens, which is known to astronomers as the constellation Cetus. Prof. Pickering, of the Harvard observatory has just sent out the information, for everybody interested, and every intelligent person ought to be interested, that Mira has reached a very exceptional maximum of brilliancy. It is brighter than it has been for many years past, and it therefore offers a rare opportunity for the study of those strange objects—the variable stars. For the greater part of the time Mira, which has been known to astronomers for 300 years is altogether unnoticeable, and indeed invisible, except with telescopes. It once disappeared entirely for a period of four years, but afterward attained extraordinary splendor only to fade again to invisibility. It is a sun of great size, brighter than our sun when it shines as it is now doing; but some trouble, some solar disease, appears to be sapping its vitality, and it resembles a patient almost at the last gasp. Once in about 331 days—but the period is irregular—it has a sudden accession of energy, and flares up for a little while, with several hundred-fold brilliancy, only to sink back into a dull red point, that nearly escapes the ken of the telescope. One interesting explanation that has been suggested is that the surface of Mira periodically burst into a vast flame of burning hydrogen, so great and powerful that it is visible across millions of millions of space. It is a star for the imagination of a Dante, and it is worth anybody's while to take a look at it now when it is in an agony of burning, because there is reason to believe that the time is coming when every star in the sky, not excepting the sun, will have to confront a similar struggle for existence, just as every mortal being must some time see death.

TO INVESTIGATE ANDES TRIBES.
Expedition From Harvard Starts for South America Today.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 19.—One of the most important ethnological expeditions in the history of Harvard University will leave tomorrow, under the leadership of Dr. W. C. Farnham, for South America to make an investigation among the Indian tribes of the Andes mountains. The party will include Mrs. Farnham, J. L. De Milhau and J. W. Hastings, of the Peabody museum, and carries letters from President Roosevelt and Secretary Root to various government officials in South America. The general oversight of the expedition lies with Professor F. W. Putnam, professor of American archaeology and ethnology at Harvard, while the expense will be met by an interested graduate whose name is not disclosed.

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RIVER NEWS

River Stages.		
Cairo	30.0	2.1 rise
Chattanooga	8.5	3.3 rise
Cincinnati	35.8	1.4 rise
Evansville	30.6	2.4 rise
Florence	6.5	fail
Johnsboro	9.0	2.4 fail
Louisville	12.8	1.2 rise
Mt. Carmel	15.3	0.5 rise
Nashville	23.4	2.1 rise
Pittsburg	15.0	2.6 rise
Davis Island Dam—missing.		
St. Louis	6.5	0.9 fail
Mt. Vernon	2.9	1.0 rise
Paducah	26.6	2.4 rise

The river rose 2.4 in the last 24 hours, the stage this morning being 26.6 Business at the wharf is good.

Capt. Mark Cole is going Captain Bewley one better in running the Dick Fowler. Capt. Cole has gotten the Dick Fowler away ahead of time for the last two days. This morning the breed for the Dick Fowler was got down to the wharf a few minutes before 8 o'clock but the boat was out in the river.

The Harry Brown passed down at 8 o'clock this morning with a big tow of coal from the upper Ohio river.

The Chattanooga came back from Joppa yesterday and this morning had to return to that point to receive five car loads of freight. The Chattanooga will get away this evening for Chattanooga.

The Clyde will be taken out on the ways next week as will the T. H. Davis, from Joppa of the C. & E. I. fleet. December 27 the Maud Kilgore will arrive from Helena, Ark., to go on the ways. This towboat formerly operated here for the mill whose name it bears.

Four Christmas trees were in the freight brought down by the City of Memphis yesterday. The Memphis will leave this evening for the Tennessee river.

The Russell Lord arrived from St. Louis yesterday and was coaling this morning to start out again.

Another model barge was brought over from the island today to be repaired at the dry docks.

Tomorrow morning the Butteroff will arrive from Nashville and leave at noon for Clarksville.

This is the Joe Fowler's day to arrive from Evansville but that steamer will be late. The John S. Hopkins was not much late yesterday.

Three of the Leyne fleet are anchored in Paducah's winter harbor now. The Bald Eagle, Spread Eagle and Cape Girardeau.

The Dick Fowler will not run in the Cairo trade during Christmas week, but will be pulled out on the ways for slight repairs. No steamer will take the Dick Fowler's place in the short time it will be out.

The Georgia Lee left Memphis yesterday for Cincinnati and will pass here Thursday.

Captain William Rollins has gone on the Russell Lord as pilot.

Official Forecasts.
The Ohio at Evansville and Mt. Vernon, will continue rising during the next two days. Maximum stage at Evansville will probably approximate 29 or 31 feet. At Paducah and Cairo will continue rising during the next four days. Maximum stage at Cairo will probably be above 32 feet.

The Tennessee at Florence, will rise during the next 24 hours. At Johnsonville, will rise during the next two days.

The Mississippi from Chester to slightly above Cairo will continue falling.

The Wabash at Mt. Carmel, will fall Wednesday.

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CHANGES IN BRITISH CABINET.
Herbert Gladstone May Leave Home Office and Others Will Resign.

London, Dec. 19.—The first of the impending changes in the cabinet to be announced is the resignation of J. E. Ellis, parliamentary secretary to the India office. He is leaving on account of ill health and is going abroad to recuperate. It is understood Walter Runciman, parliamentary secretary to the local government board, will succeed him. It is stated that the Marquis of Ripon, lord privy seal, and Sir H. Fowler, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, will resign, and it is rumored that Herbert Gladstone will leave the home office.

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Bad Stomach Makes Bad Blood.

You can not make sweet butter in a foul, unclean churn. The stomach serves as a churn in which to agitate, work up and disintegrate our food as it is being digested. If it be weak, sluggish and foul the result will be torpid, sluggish liver and bad, impure blood.

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CHILDREN SPIT ON FLAG.
Mormonism Curse to the Country, Declares Senator Dubois' Wife.

Washington, Dec. 19.—"Mormonism is a greater curse to the country than was slavery," declared Mrs. Fred T. Dubois, wife of the Idaho senator, in an address at Waugh M. E. church in this city on "The Effect of Mormonism on Education."

late last night. She said that should President Roosevelt make a trip through Southeastern Idaho he would no longer be willing to declare that there is nothing in the Mormon question. Six United States senators, she said, owe their election to the influence of the Mormon church. She criticized the attitude of Senator Proctor, of Vermont, and Senator Hopkins, of Illinois, for their attitude in the Smoot case. In closing her address Mrs. Dubois said: "Mormon children in Utah and Idaho spit upon the American flag."

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Lexington Postoffice.
Washington, Dec. 19.—Charles Berryman tendered his resignation as postmaster of Lexington, and two factions are here, each with a candidate. T. C. Walker, secretary of the state executive committee, is one candidate. He is endorsed by Richard P. Ernst and Congressman Edwards. Mr. Milward is the other candidate. He is backed by John W. Yerkes.

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